

Modern roundabouts are a new form of intersection in the U.S. that provide safe and efficient traffic flow. They incorporate extensive safety and traffic volume research conducted over the past 25 years from other countries. Roundabouts are much smaller in size than older traffic circles that were built 30 to 50 years ago.

Roundabouts move traffic safely and efficiently through an intersection because of:

- ♦ slower speeds
- ♦ fewer conflict points
- ♦ easy decision making

Studies* show roundabouts provide a:

- ♦ 90% reduction in fatal crashes
- ♦ 76% reduction in injury crashes
- ♦ 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
- ♦ 10% reduction in bicycle crashes

Before a roundabout is selected for an intersection, a thorough analysis must be completed and compared to other alternatives to determine the appropriate solution.

* Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study of 24 roundabout intersections in eight states

Roundabouts help move traffic safely and efficiently

Note to bicyclists:

If you are riding on the shoulder or bike lane, merge into the traffic lane before the shoulder ends. Prepare for this move early, look over your shoulder, and signal your intent to move into traffic. Don't be intimidated; assert your position upon entering the roundabout.

Once in the roundabout, **don't hug the curb**. Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing and cutting you off. Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout, as they may not see you.

If you do not want to ride your bike in the roundabout, you may enter the sidewalk using the ramps, and proceed as a pedestrian.

For additional brochures or information call (608)266-8486.



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General rules for driving a roundabout



Slow down. Watch for traffic signs. Move into the correct lane for the direction you wish to travel.



Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists as you enter and exit the roundabout.



Look to the left for traffic. Enter when it is safe.



Keep your speed low within the roundabout.



Exit to your destination.

